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U-2 ☐ MISSION C198C  
JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for photographic coverage of high priority targets along the Northeast China Coast. The 303 Committee has approved two photographic missions for the month of 25X1C November 1968. This U-2 aircraft ☐ will remain 20 NM off the Communist China mainland.

TARGET DATA

This mission has been designed to cover 26 priority COMIREX targets along the Northeast China Coast. These COMIREX targets include nine airfields, six naval facilities, one electronic site, eight military complexes, one city complex, and one cruise missile site.

PREVIOUS COVERAGE

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This mission has not been previously flown by a U-2.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The most recent satellite photography which covered segments of the targets include the following:

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TARGETS

<u>ITEM NO.</u>		<u>COMIREX NO. &amp; NAME</u>
1		Hsin Chin Airfield
2		Hsin Chin Mil. Complex (Pu Lan Tien)
3		Hsin Chin A/F South
4		Lu Ta Cheng Sha Ho A/F
5		Lu Ta Army Bks Liu Shu Tun AL-1
6		Lu Ta Complex (Ta Lien)
7		Lu Ta Shipyard
8		Yen Tai A/F, South (Chefoo)
9		Fu-Shan Army Bks, S.W.
10		Yen Tai Cruise Missile Site
11	25X1A	Wei Hai Naval Base
12		Wen Teng Military Storage Area
13		Wen Teng A/F
14		Cheng Yang Army Bks AL-1
15		Ching Tao/Liu Ting A/F
16		Ching Tao A/F
17		Ching Tao Bks Areas
18		Ching Tao Naval Base
19		Shanghai Shipyard Complex
20		Huaniao Island
21		Kouchi Island
22		Tai Shan Island Military Area
23		Shanghai/Ta Chang A/F
24		Pai Chuan Army Barracks
25		Lu Chiao A/F
26		Pu Men Cheng Poss Electronics Site

OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 2177 NM  
TIME : 6+00  
T/O FUEL : 1320 GALS  
HI CONE : 180 GALS  
PROFILE : MAX ALT  
TAKE OFF TIME : 0130Z 7 November 1968  
2030 6 November 1968 Wash., D.C. Time

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately 30 NM from the projected route of the aircraft. Although the mission aircraft will come within range of several MIG-21 based airfields it is believed that these MIGs will pose no threat as long as the mission aircraft remains 20 NM from the Mainland. In the past the only time an intercept over water was attempted by the ChiComs was during a time of crisis such as the Formosa Strait crisis of 1958.

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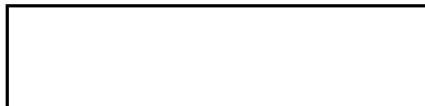
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This IDEALIST mission as planned herein is approved.

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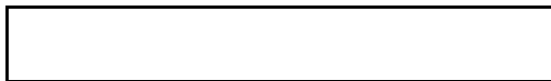
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COORDINATION MESSAGES

1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM sites. (1)
2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)
3. Mission details  (3) 25X1C
4.  approval of the mission. (4)
5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)
6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, and SAM OB in the area of the mission. (6)

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